

## Message Text

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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY READ FROM AMBASSADOR HURWITCH

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AODE, DR  
SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

REF (A) STATE 277164, (B) SANTO DOMINGO 4325

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH SENIOR AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, I REAFFIRM VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REF B, REPLYING TO STATE CIRCULAR 154335, THAT MISSION IS LEANLY STAFFED TO CARRY OUT US PURPOSES HERE AND THAT AMERICAN COMPLEMENT LEVELS OF VARIOUS MISSION COMPONENTS ARE APPROPRIATE, EXCEPT FOR MAAG SOON TO BE REPLACED BY A SMALLER UNIT IN EMBASSY AND POSSIBLE FUTURE INCREASE IN USIS. INSPECTORS, ON COMPLETION THEIR VISIT HERE LESS THAN A MONTH AGO, COMMENTED LIKEWISE THEY CONSIDERED MISSION LEANLY STAFFED.

2. UPDATING RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF B:

A. I HAVE PROPOSED THAT CURRENT AMERICAN COMPLEMENT OF FIVE OFFICERS AND TWO NCOS IN MAAG BE REDUCED TO TOTAL OF FIVE AMERICANS (THREE OFFICERS, ONE NCO AND ONE CIVILIAN) ON CONVERSION  
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SHORTLY TO NEW ODC UNIT IN EMBASSY, THOUGH MAAG CHIEF HERE FAVORS COMPLEMENT OF FOUR OFFICERS AND TWO NCOS.

B. RE USIS, I AM NOW MORE CONVINCED OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN, AN INFORMATION OFFICER, TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON CURRENTLY OVERBURDENED PAO AND CULTURAL OFFICER (PLUS BNC DIRECTOR), PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF INTENSIFIED US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC

INTEREST IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. PAO HAS MADE NEED KNOWN TO  
USIS AND INTENDS SHORTLY TO SUBMIT FORMAL RECOMMENDATION FOR  
ADDITIONAL POSITION.

C. WHILE CURRENT AMERICAN STAFF LEVEL OF PEAC CORPS - DIRECTOR AND  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - SEEMS APPROPRIATE, THE PC DIRECTOR HERE INFORMS ME  
THAT IT MAY BECOME ADVISABLE, AS THE PC DEVELOPS A PROGRAM HERE  
IN THE HEALTH SECTOR (TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN FY 79), TO ASSIGN AN  
AMERICAN FSR IN A PROGRAMMING POSITION. (ALL PROGRAMMING POSITIONS  
HERE ARE NOW HELD BY FSLs). THE PC DIRECTOR BELIEVES THAT AN  
AMERICAN IN THIS POSITION WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO HANDLE MECHANICS  
OF HEALTH SECTOR OPERATIONS THROUGH GREATER FAMILIARITY WITH US  
PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO OTHER  
PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES, AND THAT SUCH ASSIGNMENT WOULD HAVE FURTHER  
ADVANTAGE OF PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITION OF PROFESSIONALLY  
QUALIFIED FEMALE TO PC STAFF. BY FY 80, PERSON IN THIS POSITION  
MIGHT ASSUME CONCURRENT DUTIES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PERMITTING  
RESTORATION OF AMERICAN FSR COMPLEMENT TO TWO. I WOULD LIKE TO  
SEE HOW PC HEALTH SECTOR PROGRAM DEVELOPS BEFORE MAKING RELEVANT  
RECOMMENDATION.  
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